

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 2. (Canceled)

1 3. (Previously presented) The system as defined in Claim 10 wherein the sensor
2 system includes at least one of a first sensor configured to generate a deactivation
3 signal on the latching of a seat belt tongue within the buckle.

1 4. (Previously presented) The system as defined in Claim 10 wherein the first
2 occupant protection system comprises a multi-point seat belt system.

5. (Canceled)

1 6. (Previously presented) The system as defined in Claim 3 further including sensor
2 means for generating the deactivation signal indicating one of a) the tongue is
3 latched in the buckle and b) the tongue is not latched within the buckle.

1 7. (Original) The system as defined in Claim 6 further including deactivation signal
2 means responsive to the deactivation signal for deactivating the knee bolster.

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1 8. (Canceled)

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1 9. (Canceled)

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1 10. (Currently amended) An occupant safety restraint system for protecting an
2 occupant during a vehicular crash, comprising:
3 a first occupant protection system having at least one seat belt configured to
4 be lockingly secured about the occupant, the first occupant protection system further

5 including a seat belt buckle, having a locked and unlocked state, into which the seat
6 belt is operationally locked;

7 a second occupant protection system comprising a deployable knee bolster to
8 protect, when activated, at least a portion of the lower extremities of the occupant,
9 the knee bolster movable only once from a stored position to an active position
10 ~~positive~~ upon sensing an accident; and

11 a sensing system including a sensor which senses whether the buckle is
12 locked or unlocked, and which generates a signal to the second occupant protection
13 system to prevent the knee bolster from moving to the active position if the seat belt
14 is operatively locked in the buckle.